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## Free Public Records Training is Anticipated with Great Demand

The Tennessee Comptroller's Office of Open Records Counsel (OORC) is crossing the state to provide free training to government employees, elected officials, media, and anyone who is interested in learning more about Tennessee's public records and open meetings laws.

The OORC will host seven two-hour training events throughout the month of October. The classes will be held in all three grand divisions of Tennessee and will qualify for Certified Municipal Finance Officer and Utility Commissioner training credits. Many of the sessions are already at capacity, and a waiting list has been established.



Open Records Counsel Lee Pope and Assistant General Counsel Rachel Buckley will lead each class through a variety of topics including public records laws and procedures, open meetings requirements, and exceptions to the Tennessee Public Records Act.

The training dates, times, and locations are listed below. All times are local.

Cookeville – Tuesday, October 1 \*This session is full 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Upper Cumberland Regional Health Facility 1100 England Drive, Cookeville, TN

Knoxville – Thursday, October 10 \*This session is full 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. UT Conference Center 600 Henley Street, Knoxville, TN

Jackson – Tuesday, October 15 \*This session is full 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Jackson Energy Authority Training Center 320 Highway 45 By-Pass, Jackson, TN

Nashville – Tuesday, October 22 \*This session is full 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Cordell Hull Building, Volunteer Conference Center 425 Fifth Avenue North, Nashville, TN

Kingsport – Wednesday, October 9 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Kingsport Chamber of Commerce 400 Clinchfield Street, #100, Kingsport, TN

Chattanooga – Friday, October 11

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. The Chattanoogan 1201 Broad Street, Chattanooga, TN

Memphis - Wednesday, October 16

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Auditorium C, One Commerce Square 40 S. Main Street, Memphis, TN

Space is limited. If you are interested in attending any of these training sessions, **please RSVP** by sending an email to open.records@cot.tn.gov

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